

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 222

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Lawrence Jackson on his retirement as band director at Southern University

2 To commend Lawrence Jackson upon the occasion of his retirement as the Southern
3 University band director and thank him for his many years of service representing
4 the state of Louisiana to the world through the "Human Jukebox" and for his service
5 to the youth of this state through the sharing of his love of music.

9 WHEREAS, nicknamed "Crowley" after his hometown in Louisiana, Lawrence
10 Jackson played tuba in the Southern band from 1971 through 1975, where he served as
11 section leader and won several band awards including most outstanding bandsman and the
12 top grade point average; Jackson also worked part-time for the band for five years, and has
13 worked full-time for the band for eighteen years; and

17 WHEREAS, after graduating from Southern University in 1975 Mr. Jackson
18 continued his studies at Vander Cook College of Music in Chicago, Illinois, after which

1 time he married and managed several convenience stores before landing a job in 1976 as
2 director of bands at Clinton High School, in Clinton, Louisiana; and

3 WHEREAS, the appointment as director of bands at Clinton High School included
4 responsibility for the band programs at Clinton Elementary and Middle Schools; and

5 WHEREAS, while at Clinton High School, Mr. Jackson led his band to receive
6 awards of excellence and superior ratings at District IV Concert Band and Solo/Small
7 Ensemble Festivals; superior ratings and sweepstakes winner at Southern University Concert
8 Band Festival; and superior ratings at the Festival of Champions National Concert Band
9 Festival in Panama City, Florida; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1996, after serving as director of bands at Clinton High School for
11 twenty years, Jackson accepted a position of assistant band director at Southern University
12 and was later promoted to associate director of bands; and

13 WHEREAS, in addition to his responsibilities as band director, he has served as
14 adjudicator for marching and concert band festivals throughout Louisiana, Texas, and
15 Michigan, and has appeared as guest conductor and clinician in Louisiana, Texas, Alabama,
16 and Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, under the baton of Lawrence Jackson, in 2013, the National Collegiate
18 Athletic Association named its top college marching bands and the "Human Jukebox"
19 finished second behind the Ohio State marching band; a ranking that Mr. Jackson was most
20 proud of because, as he said, "Ohio State has a million dollar budget and we have a bubble
21 gum budget compared to them."; and

22 WHEREAS, while serving as director of bands at Southern University, he also served
23 as one of three staff arrangers in the band department, conductor of the brass choir,
24 woodwind ensemble, basketball pep band, and saxophone ensemble; and

25 WHEREAS, Jackson was also an adjunct professor of music in the Department of
26 Visual and Performing Arts at Southern University; and

27 WHEREAS, he is a member of Greater King David Baptist Church where he serves
28 as Director and Conductor of the King David Orchestra; and

1 WHEREAS, his honorary and professional affiliations include Kappa Kappa Psi
2 Band Fraternity, Phi Mu Alpha Music Fraternity, and the College Band Director's National
3 Association, Music Educators National Conference, Louisiana Music Educators Association.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
5 commend Lawrence Jackson upon the occasion of his retirement as the Southern University
6 Band Director and thanks him for his many years of service representing the state of
7 Louisiana to the world through the "Human Jukebox" and for his service to the youth of this
8 state through the sharing of his love of music.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
10 to Mr. Lawrence Jackson.

DIGEST

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